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SUBJECT: INVITATIONAL FILM SHOWING: THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING

1. THE AMBASSADOR HELD A SPECIAL INVITATIONAL SHOWING AT THE RESIDENCE

OF THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING, MAY 12TH. GUESTS ATTENDING INCLUDED GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS, FILM AND THEATER CRITICS, PRESS AND OTHER EMBASSY CONTACTS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY GUESTS VIEWED THE FILM AND EXPRESSED THEIR GENERAL APPROVAL AND APPRECIATION.

2. MORE THAN ONE VIEWER COMPARED THIS FILM TO AN EARLIER HUSTON FILM, THE TREASURE OF SIERRA MADRE AND A NUMBER OF FILM BUFFS LABELED IT A "FINE FILM IN THE HOLLYWOOD TRADITION."

3. THE FILM RECEIVED HIGH MARKS FOR THE AUTHENTIC VILLAGE SCENES, DEPICTION OF LIFE IN THE VILLAGES, INCLUDING THE REALISTIC IDOLS AND THE HIGH PHOTOGRAPHIC QUALITY OF THE SCENES.

4. ONE VIEWER EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AT SEEING SUCH A GOOD CLASSICAL STORY COUPLED WITH FINE ACTING AND GREAT FILM TECHNIQUE. ANOTHER SAID THE FILM "MADE HIM WANT TO GO OUT AND READ THE STORY."

5. SOME FELT THAT THE LANGUAGE WAS DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW AT TIMES, PARTICULARLY DURING THE STORY-TELLING TIMES AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE FILM. OTHERS DID NOT REALIZE MANY OF

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THE SUBTLETIES OF THE FILM.

6. IN ALL, A VERY SUCCESSFUL SHOWING, WELL-APPRECIATED BY
THE GUESTS.

7. PLEASE CONVEY THE AMBASSADOR'S GRATITUDE TO THE DISTRIBUTOR
FOR MAKING THIS EXCELLENT FILM AVAILABLE FOR SUCH
REPRESENTATIONAL USE.

8. SHIPPING DATA WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.
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